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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Masato Nogawa et al.  
Serial No.: 09/982,663  
Filed: October 17, 2001  
For: Three-Side Trimmer  
Examiner: Kenneth E. Peterson  
Group Art Unit: 3724

### RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 12, 2006

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

1. This is a response to the Office Action date January 12, 2006.
2. If any fees are due, then the USPTO is hereby authorized to charge/credit Deposit Account No. 08-2442.
3. The claims status is as follows:
  - a) claims 9-14 and 16-56 are pending, and claims 14, 18-54 are withdrawn from consideration,
  - b) claims 9-13 are allowed,

c) claims 16, 17, 55 and 56 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over pages 1-5 of the specification and figures 9 and 10 of the specification.

4. What follows is a listing of the claims.